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Lactalis unseats industry titan Nestlé as world's largest dairy company

French dairy company Lactalis outpaced long-time industry leader Nestlé as the world's biggest dairy player, according to new Rabobank analysis. Lactalis' attention to organic growth, as well as its dedicated global M&A strategy, propelled the company from ninth place in 2000 to a dominating lead position in 2021. Rabobank's annual Global Dairy Top 20 report revealed Lactalis has grown its turnover to \$US23 billion.

Rabobank's report said Lactalis had grown its empire since 2010 by adding about 60 deals, expanding its global footprint in the Middle East, Africa, and North and South America. Nestlé has been the number one dairy company for more than two decades.



Dairy farmers worried over Centre's proposed taxation plan

The plan of Central government to tax dairy cooperatives receiving more than 400 litres of milk a day is likely to affect the earnings of dairy farmers. Around 2 lakh dairy farmers will be directly affected if the plan is implemented. According to the centre's notification, all dairy cooperatives which receive more than 400 litres milk a day will come under the ambit of income tax. The cooperatives will be taxed on the basis of their annual profits.

A supreme court order states that dairy cooperatives should be given tax exemptions. However, the centre amended income tax rules and brought dairy cooperatives under the ambit of taxation.



Jharkhand launches incentive for milk producers selling to state-owned dairy

Jharkhand agriculture department is giving ₹1/ litre as incentive to milk producers supplying to Medha Dairy, run by the Jharkhand Milk Federation (JMF). Two and a half crore rupees have already been disbursed under the scheme to incentivise growth in the animal husbandry sector and increase milk supply to current and future dairy plants in the state, officials said.

"Around 40,000 milk producers currently registered with the federation will benefit from the scheme. The fund is to be transferred to the federation, which will further transfer it to the beneficiaries," said Shashi Prakash Jha, director, animal husbandry and dairy development, Jharkhand.

Uttar Pradesh govt to provide training to youth

The UP government on 1st September, Wednesday said that it will provide training to youth under the CM Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme to help them get employment in government, non-government, cooperative, corporation, MSMEs and private industries. As many as 50,000 youths will be trained under various schemes run by the department of MSME. In addition, 35,000 youths in the industrial development department will be given apprenticeship training. Training will be given to 8,000 youths in agriculture, sugarcane, horticulture and food processing and cooperation department and 8,000 youths will be trained in animal husbandry and dairying.

Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying launches web version of NDDB-developed e-GOPALA application & IMAP web portal

Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the web version of NDDB-developed e-GOPALA application and IMAP web portal at NDDB, Anand on 28 August 2021 in presence of Shri Meenesh Shah, Chairman, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). Shri Rupala said that NDDB-developed e-GOPALA provides real-time information to dairy farmers for better productivity of dairy animals.

NDDB's IMAP web portal is meant for geographical presentation of project coverage featuring INAPH (displays state as well as district wise animal registration coverage animal population), PSK Service (displays ticket status against various services i.e. animal registration, artificial insemination, pregnancy diagnosis, calving, vaccination, animal treatment & follow-up), NAIP (Geographically displays GOI initiated projects related to artificial insemination) and NADCP (Geographically displays GOI initiated projects related to Animal disease control). This portal will also facilitate real time checking of coverage and progress of various projects and government schemes.



Tata Teleservices partners with Dudhsagar Dairy to digitally transform their communication systems

Tata Teleservices, one of the leading digital solutions providers has extended Smartflo - its advanced suite of cloud communication solutions to Mehsana District Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Limited to make their veterinary services more accessible to farmers through a robust and seamless communication network on cloud.

The Dudhsagar dairy veterinary department offers various remote services for the cattle of farmers such as booking appointments for health check-ups, aligning doctors, etc. Along with these services, they also provide telephonic conversations such as information related to test bookings, test reports, etc.

However, there was no software, or model to track the ongoing call flows and provide systematic data analysis feedback. With a strong team of more than 100 veterinary doctors supporting their farmer members at their doorstep, Dudhsagar Dairy partnered with Tata Teleservices to implement a web-based support system for registration of visits by farmers for early resolution of complaints at a nominal token price.

2000 Village level awareness camps organized by Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

As part of Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying organized an awareness Programme on Entrepreneurship schemes of the Department through the Common Service Centre network. 2000 village-level camps were held across the country. Attendees were given complete information about these schemes, as well as how to apply on the scheme portal through the CSC itself.

Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying addressed the farmers connected through camps and informed that as per the recent Cabinet decision, the National Livestock Mission and Rashtriya Gokul Mission schemes now have a component of breeder farm entrepreneurs and fodder entrepreneurs. National Livestock Mission (NLM) will help in creating rural Entrepreneurship and help in creating better livelihood opportunities for unemployed youth and livestock farmers in the Cattle, Dairy, poultry, sheep, goat, piggery, feed and fodder sector paving the way towards Atma Nirbhar Bharat.



NCDFI Chairman Invites Union Home Minister for Inaugurating 'Indian Dairy Cooperative Conclave'

Chairman of the National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI), Mangal Jit Rai, has requested Mr. Amit Shah to inaugurate the event as the duo met in Delhi. The vice-chairman of the Sikkim Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Limited, Mr. Rai was elected the chairman of the NCDFI, and he is the first Sikkimese to chair the NCDFI for two terms in a row, sources said. According to Mr. Rai, the conclave is being organised on the theme "Resilient Indian Dairy Cooperatives-Exploring the

Challenges and Opportunities" to discuss various trends in the dairy cooperatives sector and to chalk out future strategic policy direction.

The conclave will be attended by as many as 2000 delegates representing various segments of the dairy cooperative, international organisations like the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), International Labour Organisation (ILO), National Cooperative Development Corporation, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, National Dairy Development Corporation, Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Universities, Dairy Farmers, State Cooperative Dairy Federation, Dairy and Milk Unions and Cooperative Societies.



Department of Animal husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) & Department of Rural Development (DoRD) sign an MoU



As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Atul Chaturvedi, Secretary, Department of Animal husbandry and Dairying and N.N. Sinha, Secretary, Department of Rural Development signed an MoU between DAHD and MoRD for Leveraging SHG platform for rural economic growth through the convergence of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), MoFAHD and National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), MoRD today at Krishi Bhawan in the presence of Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Giriraj Singh, Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.

As per the MoU, it has also decided to use the services of the members of the SHGs as livestock resource persons and primary service providers through a new accredited model named "A-HELP" (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production). This model will be implemented across the country by using the existing cadre developed under DAY-NRLM for livestock (Pashusakhis) by providing further training and accreditation as an A-HELP worker.

Netherlands offers to train dairy farmers in Uttar Pradesh

Netherlands ambassador Marten Van Den Berg met chief minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow on 31st August, Tuesday. The ambassador expressed the country's desire to support UP in modernizing its agriculture and dairy sector. The Ambassador also told the CM that the Netherlands is willing to establish a training center in the state to train its dairy farmers in advanced technologies at work in the sector.

During the meeting, CM Yogi apprised the diplomat about UP's standing on the second position for 'Ease of Doing Business' which has continued to bring investments and support from various countries and regions. The state government and the Netherlands are already working together in several fields, including renewable energy, solid waste management and water management.

